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TAGS: EEC, UK

SUBJECT: BRITISH PUBLIC OPINION ON EC MEMBERSHIP

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF A GALLUP POLL TAKEN IN THE UK IN MID-JANUARY. THE POLL SHOWS A CONTINUING STRONG ANTI-MARKET BIAS, ALTHOUGH COMPARISONS WITH A POLL TAKEN LAST AUGUST (WHOSE RESULTS ARE GIVEN BELOW IN PARENTHESES) AFFORD SOME SLIGHT ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE PRO-MARKETEERS. AS HAS BEEN THE CASE IN THE PAST, THE POLL SHOWS THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT TO BE A MAJOR FACTOR IN PUBLIC ATTITUDES TOWARD MEMBERSHIP. THE POLL RESULTS ARE COPYRIGHTED MATERIAL BELONGING TO THE GALLUP ORGANIZATION, AND SHOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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TREATED ACCORDINGLY.

A) DO YOU THINK THAT WE WERE RIGHT OR WRONG TO JOIN  
THE COMMON MARKET?

(PER CENT)

RIGHT	31	(31)
WRONG	50	(53)
DON'T KNOW	19	(16)

B) IF YOU WERE TO BE TOLD TOMORROW THAT THE COMMON  
MARKET HAD BEEN SCRAPPED, WOULD YOU BE SORRY ABOUT IT,  
INDIFFERENT, OR PLEASED?

(PER CENT)

SORRY	24	(24)
INDIFFERENT	24	(22)
PLEASED	40	(48)

C) IF YOU COULD VOTE TOMORROW ON WHETHER WE SHOULD STAY  
IN THE COMMON MARKET OR LEAVE IT, HOW WOULD YOU VOTE,  
OR WOULDN'T YOU VOTE AT ALL?

(PER CENT)

STAY IN	33	(30)
LEAVE	41	(47)
WOULDN'T VOTE	12	(13)
DON'T KNOW	14	(11)

D) IF THE GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATED NEW TERMS FOR BRITAIN'S  
MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMON MARKET AND THEY THOUGHT IT WAS  
IN BRITAIN'S INTERESTS TO REMAIN A MEMBER, HOW WOULD  
YOU VOTE THEN -- TO STAY IN OR LEAVE IT?

(PER CENT)

STAY IN	53	(54)
LEAVE	22	(24)
WOULDN'T VOTE	6	(5)
DON'T KNOW	19	(16)

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